

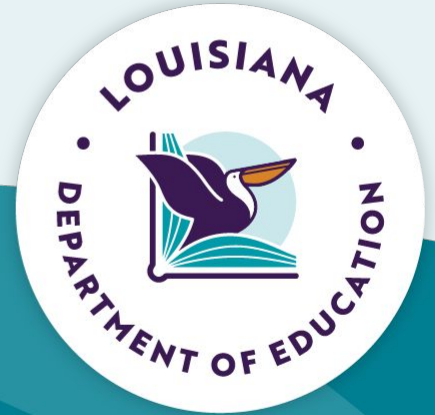
System Leaders Monthly Call



March 7, 2025

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

Ken Bradford, Chief of Staff



2025-2026 Super App

School systems that have met all applicable approval and funding criteria through the 2025-2026 Super App will receive an Approval, Funding, and Implementation (AFI) Summary document via email prior to April BESE.

The purpose of this AFI Summary document is to:

- Share the results of the LDOE's review of the proposed CIR/UIR strategy and requests for competitive funds,
- Identify eligible expenditures for any awarded funds, and
- Identify recommended steps for the implementation of an approved CIR/UIR strategy.

The 2025-2026 Super App allocations are scheduled to go to April BESE. All award amounts included in the AFI document are subject to BESE approval.

Please contact LDOEOperations@la.gov with questions.



School System Planning Key Dates

Date	Item
February-March	LDOE reviews competitive Super App submissions and provides feedback on plans and budgets
February-May	School systems conduct nonpublic school consultations
April	Super App competitive allocations sent to BESE for approval
May 1	Allocations for 2025-2026 loaded in Super App
May 2	Deadline to submit CSI/TSI plan in eGMS
June 30	Deadline to submit 2025-2026 Super App Amendment 1
July 1	2025-2026 Super App grant period begins; Systems begin implementing 2025-2026 School System Plan

GAPA & Operations Monthly Calls

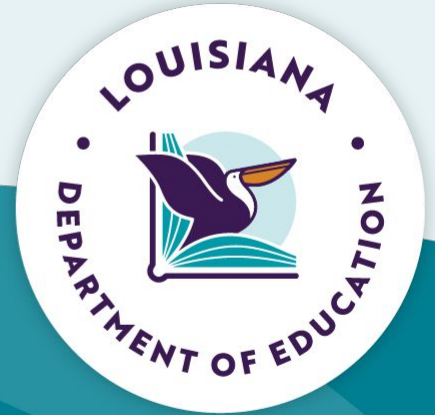
Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Federal Nutrition Support Monthly Call	<u>March 11 at 1 p.m.</u>
Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call	<u>March 20 at 10 a.m.</u>

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Teaching and Learning

Dr. Jenna Chiasson, Deputy Superintendent



2025 Math and ELA Standards Review Update

- The 2025 review of Math and ELA Standards has begun
- Applications to serve on the review committee closed on January 27
- Review of committee applications is complete
- BESE will consider committee members at the March meeting
- Committee meetings will begin on April 2
- [2025 Math and ELA Standards Review Overview Document](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Please contact ClassroomSupportToolbox@la.gov with questions.



K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for Computer Science Implementation Support

Newly added implementation supports include:

- [K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for Computer Science Implementation Webinar](#)
- [Computer Science School System Support Visits](#)
- [Monthly Computer Science Office Hours](#)

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions



International Program Opportunities and Exchanges

LDOE can aid schools and systems in efforts to provide access to international opportunities and exchanges for students, teachers, and communities.

- [International Associate Teacher Program](#)
- Virtual Exchanges
- In-Person Exchanges
- STEM Exchanges

Review the [International Program Opportunities and Exchanges Flyer](#) and complete the survey by **May 1**.

Please contact language.acquisition@la.gov with questions.

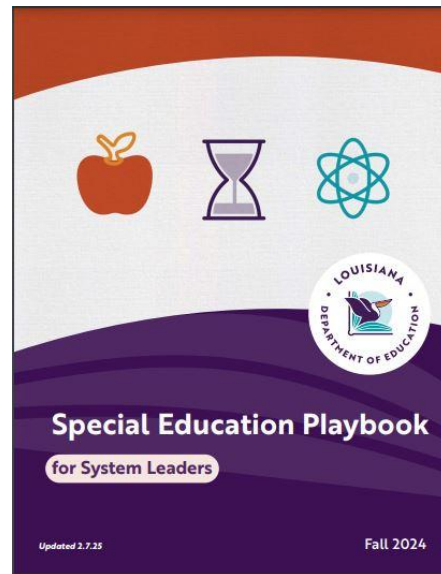


Updated Special Education Playbook Released

The newly released [Special Education Playbook](#) highlights the same best practices with added implementation supports:

- How IDEA supports best practices
- FAQ
- Planning considerations

Highlighted in OSEP's guidance: [ESEA Title II Strategic Use of Funds](#) and [Building and Sustaining Inclusive Educational Practices Aligned With The Elementary And Secondary Education Act OF 1965 \(ESEA\) And Part B Of The Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.](#)



Please contact diverselearnerssupport@la.gov with questions.



Level Up School Support Institutes at TLS 2025

Level Up SSI at TLS will bring ILTs together to reflect on key learnings from this year's SSI sessions, assess progress on goals, identify needs, and create actionable plans for the next school year to ensure all students have access to grade-level standards.

- A TLS Level Up registration link and code was sent to designated system and school leaders the week of February 17.
- System leaders may complete a group registration for TLS Level Up participants in their system.
- Please contact SSIsupport@la.gov with questions or if you need the Level Up registration link and code.

Please contact SSIsupport@la.gov with questions.



School Support Institutes 2025-2026

Please see the [overview document](#) for more details. Registration will be open on May 1.

In-person Session 1 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM		Session 2 Asynchronous	In-person Session 3 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM		In-person Session 4
Monroe	Sept 23, 2025	Participants will complete a self-paced asynchronous session online	New Orleans	Jan 21, 2026	Teacher Leader Summit 2026
Shreveport	Sept 24, 2025		Baton Rouge	Jan 22, 2026	
New Orleans	Sept 30, 2025		Lafayette	Jan 23, 2026	
Baton Rouge	Oct 1, 2025		Monroe	Jan 27, 2026	
Lafayette	Oct 2, 2025		Shreveport	Jan 28, 2026	

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System Leader Regional Collaborations 2025-2026

System Leader Collaborations will be held in the afternoon from 1 pm to 4.
Registration will be open on May 1.

Session 1		Session 2	
Monroe	Sept 23, 2025	Baton Rouge	Jan 22, 2026
Shreveport	Sept 24, 2025	Lafayette	Jan 23, 2026
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Applications Now Available

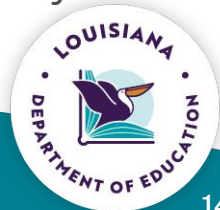
- **Aspiring Principal Fellowship**

This program is designed to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to become effective principals. Participants will have the opportunity to visit schools led by exemplary practicing principals and engage in professional learning that aligns with current state initiatives. Applications are due by **April 7**.

- **Recruitment and Retention Fellowship**

This program is designed to help human resources leaders develop best practices for attracting and retaining effective educators. Participants will have the opportunity to collaborate, share innovative strategies, and build a network of school leaders committed to securing an effective workforce. Applications are due by **June 27**.

Please contact louisianaleaders@la.gov with questions.

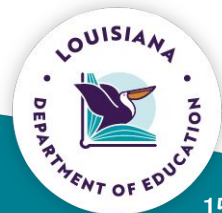


New Aspiring Educators Curriculum Coming Soon!

The LDOE is excited to announce the release of an open-source pre-educator pathway curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year at Teacher Leader Summit 2025.

Aspiring Educators: Shaping Louisiana's Future will consist of 2 courses: Foundations of Education and Learning Communities. The curriculum will be located on the LDOE Louisiana Professional Learning Platform.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.



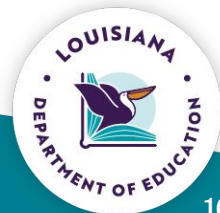
Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy

The Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy is a unique five-day program combining elements of a summer camp and a professional learning conference. It serves 100 high school students enrolled in the Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway or similar coursework designed to attract and develop future educators in Louisiana.

Hosted by the LDOE, the Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy will take place at Louisiana State University of Alexandria July 14-18.

View the [video](#) from last summer's academy!

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Teaching and Learning Monthly/Support Calls

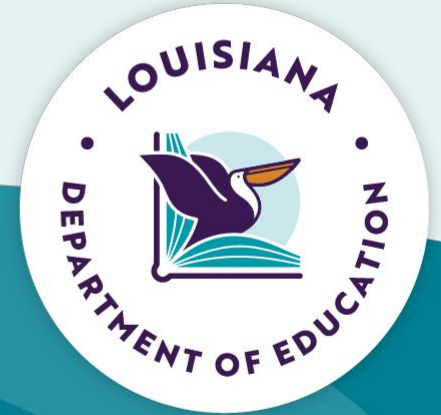
Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
LEADS Implementation Monthly Call	<u>March 10 at 12 p.m.</u>
EdTech Monthly Call	<u>March 13 at 9 a.m.</u>
Certification Monthly Call	<u>March 17 at 10:30 a.m.</u>
Preparation Provider Monthly Call	<u>March 26 at 10 a.m.</u>
Teaching and Learning Monthly Call	<u>March 26 at 1 p.m.</u>
Diverse Learner Office Hours	<u>March 26 at 2 p.m.</u>
LEADS Implementation Monthly Call	<u>April 2 at 12 p.m.</u>

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Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics

Thomas Lambert, Assistant Superintendent

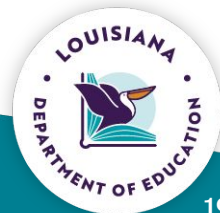


2025-2026 Assessment Calendar

The 2025-2026 assessment calendar is now posted to the Assessment Resources section of the department website.

[2025-2026 Assessment Calendar](#)

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.



Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics Monthly Calls

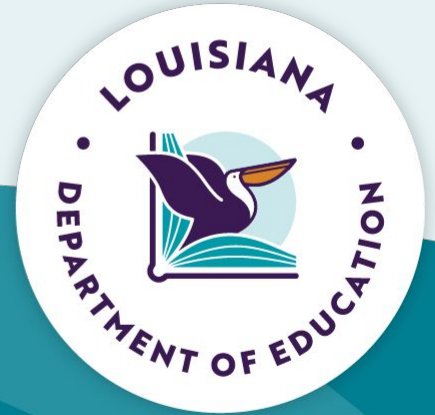
Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
EdLink Weekly Q&A Session	<u>March 11, 18 and 25 at 11 a.m.</u>
eScholar Office Hours	<u>March 13 and 27 at 10 a.m.</u>
Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call	<u>March 18 at 3 p.m.</u>
Data Coordinator Monthly Webinar	<u>April 10 at 1 p.m.</u>

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Career and College Readiness

Dr. Ernise Singleton, Assistant Superintendent



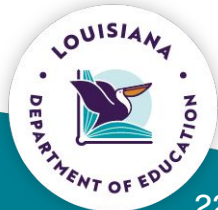
Spring 2025 Counselor Institute Presentation

Thank you to all who attended the Spring 2025 Counselor Institute sessions!

We hope you found benefit in the Counselors and Attendance, Registered Apprenticeship/Internships and ASVAB presentations. The [slide deck](#) is available for your review. Feel free to share with colleagues as you deem appropriate.

Dates for the Fall 2025 Counselor Institutes will be released at a later date.

Please contact angela.jordan@la.gov with questions.



Course Choice Program Updates

- The LDOE [Course Choice](#) webpage has been updated to reflect policy changes.
- New and updated resources include [Registration Procedures](#), [Course Choice Policy Updates](#), [Course Choice Enrollment Parent Guidance](#), the list of 2025-2026 [Course Choice Courses](#), and the [Parents Guide to Course Choice](#).
- Upcoming Webinar: Course Choice Key Updates and Implementation Guidance
 - Webinar Date and Time: March 13 at 9:30 am
 - [Zoom Link](#)
 - Webinar Phone Number: 470-250-9358
 - Meeting ID: 931 6765 2159

Please contact sca@la.gov with questions.



Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls

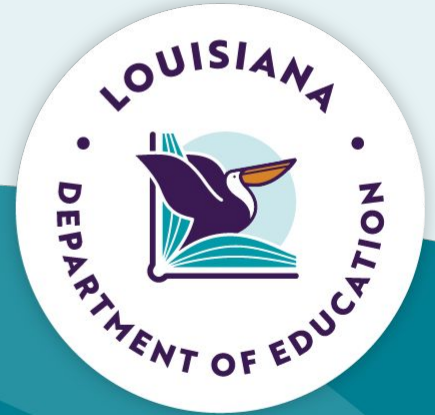
Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Child Welfare and Attendance	<u>March 13 at 8 a.m.</u>
Alternative Education	<u>March 13 at 10 a.m.</u>
Office of Career and College Readiness	<u>March 20 at 3 p.m.</u>
Safe and Healthy Schools	<u>March 27 at 2 p.m.</u>

Please contact tireka.cobb2@la.gov with questions.



School Choice

Germain Gilson, Assistant Superintendent

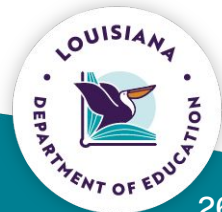


2024-2025 Annual RFA Application - Eligibility Determination

The Eligibility Determination form for the 2024-2025 Annual RFA Application Cycle is due **March 10, 2025**. Applicants must meet eligibility requirements listed in [LA Bulletin 126, §503](#).

Note: Eligibility Determination forms will only be reviewed if a Letter of Intent was received by the due date. Any Eligibility Determination form submitted without adherence to the Letter of Intent due date requirement will not be reviewed.

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.



BESE-Authorized Charter Schools Request for Applications Timeline

Date	Process
February 3	LDOE application window opens for Types 2 and 4 applicants
February 10 (5 p.m.)	Letters of Intent due
March 10 (5 p.m.)	Eligibility Determination forms due to LDOE
March 31 (5 p.m.)	LDOE submission deadline for the full application for Types 2 and 4 applicants
April 4	LDOE to notify local school system leaders of the submission of charter school applications within their districts
June	Types 2 and 4 applicants: Capacity Interviews conducted by third-party evaluator
August 19	Types 2 and 4 applicants: BESE considers applicants for new charter schools

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.



March Annual Site Visits

Date	School	Date	School
March 10	Lanier Charter School	March 19	Louisiana Key Academy Caddo
March 12	Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy	March 20	Prescott K-8 Academy
March 13	Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy	March 20	JCFA East
March 13	Northshore Charter	March 24	New Orleans Military & Maritime Academy
March 18	Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle High School	March 25	Belle Chasse Academy
March 18	Linwood Public Charter	March 26	JCFA
March 25	New Harmony High Institute	March 26	LA Key Baton Rouge
March 25	Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle	March 27	LASAS

* Visits may be announced or unannounced. Schools may receive an additional site visit.

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Office of School Choice Monthly Calls

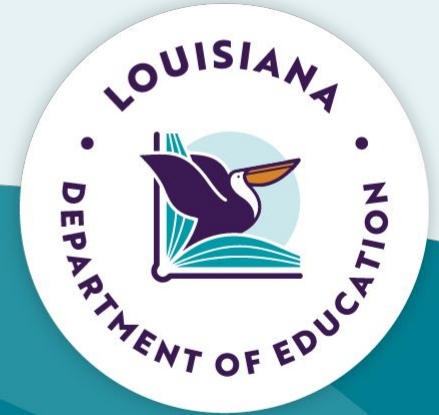
Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Local Authorizer Monthly Call	<u>March 12 at 11 a.m.</u>
BESE-Authorized Charter Monthly Call	<u>March 13 at 9 a.m.</u>
2025 BESE Charter Renewal Cohort Sessions	<u>March 25 at 12 p.m.</u>

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School System Relations

Trey Folse, Assistant Superintendent



America's Field Trip



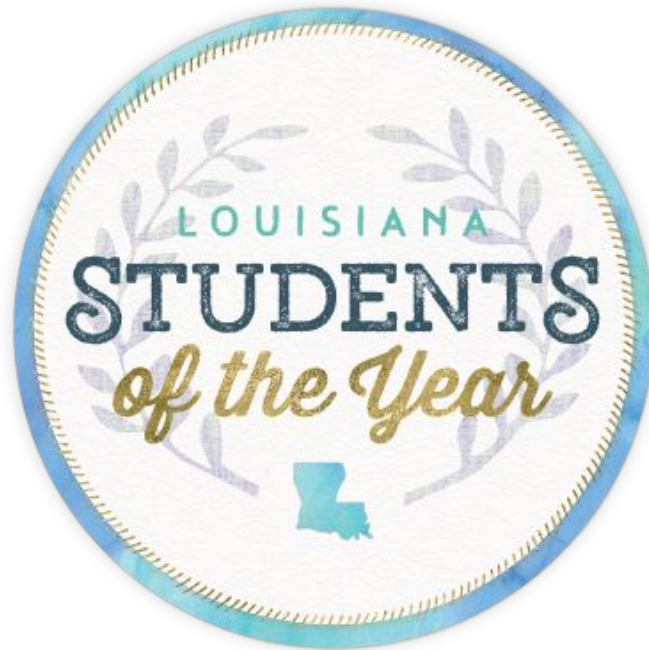
- In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the [National America250](#) organization is sponsoring the [America's Field Trip](#) contest.
- Students in grades 3-12 are encouraged to submit either a piece of writing or original artwork responding to the prompt: *"What Does America Mean to You?"*
- Winners will enjoy a three-day, two-night field trip to some of the nation's most iconic historic landmarks.
- Submissions are due by April 16, 2025.

Please contact america250la.org with questions.



Students of the Year

- 2025 Students of the Year Finalists Announced
 - One 5th, 8th and 12th grade honoree per each BESE region named as a finalist following a regional review process.
 - All finalists will be honored at the *2025 Students of the Year Award Ceremony* on May 16.
 - During this prestigious event, the overall 5th, 8th, and 12th grade Students of the Year will be named.



Please contact exemplaryeducator@la.gov with questions.



Early Childhood Care and Education

Mellynn Baker, Assistant Superintendent

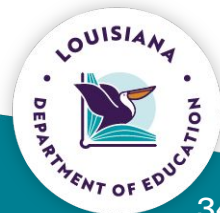


Early Childhood Allocations

Preliminary 2025-2026 LA 4 and NSECD allocations are scheduled to be voted on during the April 9, 2025 BESE meeting:

- Networks and sites should have received a preliminary notice of award during the week of February 24, 2025.
- An additional notice of BESE approval will be sent after the BESE meeting on April 9, 2025.
- **Final amounts will be subject to legislative appropriation.**

Please contact earlychildhood@la.gov with questions.



Early Childhood Allocations

- Final 2024-2025 CCAP B-3 Seat allocations are scheduled to be voted on during the March 12, 2025 BESE meeting:
 - These allocations cover the final CCAP B-3 seat tuition payments for the 2024-2025 academic year, at the applicable rate, for April, May, and June 2025.
- If networks anticipate any final seat allocation balances by June 30, 2025, the following actions should be taken:
 - They should notify the Department via e-mail at sonia.fields-gutierrez@la.gov by April 15, 2025.
 - For technical support concerning spend-down of funds or if the network anticipates any remaining balance by June 30, 2025, contact sonia.fields-gutierrez@la.gov in advance of the April 15, 2025 deadline.

Please contact earlychildhood@la.gov with questions.



Early Childhood Care and Education Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Early Childhood Community Network Office Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>occurs the second Tuesday of each month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.</i>	March 11 at 3 p.m. Meeting Link

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Questions



Thank you for joining today's call!

Our next System Leaders Monthly Call is Friday, April 4 at 9 a.m.

Schedules, access links, and information on webinars can be found in the [LDOE Weekly Newsletter](#) and the [School System Support Calendar](#).

Helpful Links

- [LDOE Website](#)
- [School Improvement Library](#)

Support Toolboxes

- [Teacher](#)
- [System](#)
- [Principal](#)
- [Counselor](#)

